



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
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Serial No.: 10/669.331 : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
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For: SEXLESS COUPLING FOR FIRE HYDRANT-FIRE HOSE CONNECTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 5, the third full paragraph, please deleted in its entirety.

On page 5, the sixth full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Fig. 7 is an elevation of a second embodiment of the sexless coupling used with the outlet of the fire hydrant of Fig. 1, ~~and~~ ;

Fig 7A is an enlargement of a portion of Fig. 7, and

The paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 has been amended as follows:

In the second embodiment 200 the first collar portion 100' has an annular flat surface 210 which is abutted by an annular flat surface 212 on the second collar portion 102' when the collar portions 100' and 102' are threaded together by the threads 108' and 106'. As best seen in Fig. 4A